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HB 51 HD 1 RELATING TO FISHING

Senate Committee on Agriculture

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HB 51 HD 1 would amend Chapter 188, HRS to make it illegal to possess or use a gill net in an embayment, estuary, or marine life conservation district in the state.

Our statement on this bill does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We note that the substance of this measure conforms to recommendations adopted pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 442 passed during the 1992 Legislature. Given the need for more effective management of nearshore fishery resources and the specter of a possible lawsuit under the federal Endangered Species Act, we strongly concur with the intent of this measure, and we are pleased to note that our suggestions for amendments were adopted in the present draft.